Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

Although the above embodiments attach the signature to the authorization message, other possibilities are considered within the scope of this invention. For example, the software message could include the signature. Alternatively, the signature could be ~~send~~ **sent** separately from both the authorization message and software message. The common thread is that some of the information for which the signature is generated over is sent without the signature. In this way, the signature is disassociated from some information such that a hacker would have to know how to reassociate the information to have the signature match.